

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 7682

EXDIS

STADIS/////////  
INAA/ARN-DRAPER

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SY, US  
SUBJ: SY NXAN JEWRY

REF: A) STATE 295495 B. DAMASCUS 7367

1. HABIB DISCUSSED ISSUE OF SYRIAN JEWRY WITH PRESIDENTIAL  
POLITICAL ADVISOR DSOU DY DECEMBER 13. DAOUDY ASSERTED THAT  
JEWISH TRAVEL FOR MEDICAL/BUSINESS PURPOSES CONTINUED AS  
IT HAD IN THE PAST. DAOUDY NOTED, WHAT SOME ACERBITY,  
THAT AFTER ALL NO SYRIAN CITIZEN, WHATEVER HIS BACKGROUND,  
HAD AUTOMATIC RIGHT TO TRAVEL ABROAD FOR ANY PURPOSE.

2. HABIB INFORMED DAOUDY THAT FURTHER  
MARRIAGE PROPOSALS COULD BE EXPECTED IN DAMASCUS AND NOTED  
THAT ASSAD HAD SAID THAT HE REMAINED COMMITTED TO HIS PROMISE TO  
PRESIDENT CARTER TO BE HELPFUL IN INDIVIDUAL CASES.  
I TOLD HABIB THAT DAOUDY MUST BE AWARE OF MY LATEST CON-  
VERSATION WITH ASSAD ON THE SUBJECT (DAMASCUS REFTTEL)  
SINCE HE HAD REFERRED IN DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH HABIB TO FACT THAT  
TWO OF THE FIRST GROUP HAD RETURNED TO SYRIA.

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3. HABIB PLANS CONTACT SOLARZ PERSONALLY ON HIS RETURN  
TO WASHINGTON TO BRIEF HIM ON HIS TALK WITH DAOUDY, SO  
FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION. THIS MEANS THAT THE  
NEWS THAT ASSAD WILL FAVORABLY CONSIDER FURTHER APPLICA-  
TIONS WILL BE OUT. I TOLD HABIB WE HAVE KEPT DEPART-  
MENT INFORMED OF ALL DETAILS WE AHVE PICKED UP ABOUT LIMITED EASING  
OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS ON SYRIAN JEWS OVER PAST FEW MONTHS

(DAMASCUS 7468). HE ASKED THAT YOU SEND UP SUMMARY OF  
THIS MATERIAL TO HIS OFFICE.  
MURPHY

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